GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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LICENCE FOR MEDICINE DEALERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether it is a fact that Section 18 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940require every dealer to take a licence of distribution, stocking and sale of drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to amend the Drugs and cosmetics Act to the effect that drugs are to be supplied to the consumers only through the licensed retail pharmacists;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the other steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Licences for sale of drugs are granted under different categories, i.e., whole sale license in form 20-B and 21-B, licence for retail sale of drug in Form 20 & 21, restricted licence for sale of drugs under form 20-A and 21-A & for the sale of Homeopathy drugs in form 20-D & 20-E. The requirement for grant of licence and condition of sale licence has been prescribed under part 6 and 6 (a) of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules.

(c),(d) & (e) There is no proposal before the Government to the effect that drugs are to be supplied to the consumer only through licensed retail pharmacist.